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SUBJECT: TAJIKISTAN EXBS PROGRAM ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE

I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS

EXBS advisor attended the "Central Asia Technical Workshop to Prevent the Illicit Trafficking of Nuclear and Radioactive Materials" in Istanbul. All five Central Asian countries sent customs representatives and gave reports on their current status related to detection of nuclear and radioactive materials. One of the goals of the workshop was to establish a regional counsel but the group didn't agree on the need. See Dushanbe 1840 for workshop summary.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. Advisor visited Tursunzada land port twice during the period to assess the progress of modular buildings being installed by TFI. The project is on schedule and will be completed by 23 December 2005 barring any unforeseen problems. This is a \$68,000 EXBS project to upgrade the border crossing point at Tursunzada.

2. Advisor and SLEA attended the "Eighth Session of the Interdepartmental Commission on Border Management in Tajikistan" on December 8, 2005. The meeting was chaired by General Zuhurov, Chairman of the State Border Protection Committee. IOM, EU/BOMCA, and UNODC gave status reports on their border projects. General Zuhurov commented that "several of the projects are behind schedule and are not being coordinated very well". He was however very pleased with the progress of EXBS and INL projects.

B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. No training was conducted during this period.

C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

- 1. Eighty four radiation pagers valued at \$108,000.
- 2. Ninety one P4 computer systems to include software and UPS valued at \$125,000.
- 3. Thirty five "Night Storm" generation I night vision spotting scopes valued at \$6,500.
- 4. Four CT-30 kits valued at \$53,000.
- 5. Twelve "Uniden" radio frequency scanners with voltage converters valued at \$4,500.
- 6. Sixty "Honda" generators valued at \$42,000.
- 7. Sixty color printer/scanners valued at \$8,000.

D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

- 1. Training - None
- 2. Equipment - 540 of the 5685 uniforms ordered are currently in Dubai awaiting shipment to Dushanbe on 13 December 2005.

E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

General Zuhurov, Chairman of the State Border Protection Committee, told EXBS advisor in a private meeting he was very unhappy with the progress by EU/BOMCA on their border projects. Deadlines haven't been met and the quality of construction at the new Border Guard Academy in Dushanbe was well below acceptable levels. Although this doesn't affect the EXBS program it does hamper his ability to train and protect the borders. EXBS advisor passed his concerns along to the BOMCA coordinator.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES

- 1. None.

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